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ELECTRONIC TOOLS OF ACQUISITION

- **CBDNet – Online version of Commerce Business Daily (CBD)**

- **DeskBook – Database of acquisition information**

- **PIXS (The PreAward Information Exchange System) – public web site that contains information on contracting opportunities at Aeronautical Systems Center**

- **EZSource – Electronic Source Selection Tool**

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COMMERCE BUSINESS DAILY (CBD)

- **The Commerce Business Daily (CBD) lists notices of proposed government procurement actions, contract awards, and other procurement information**

- **The printed CBD is the "public notification media by which U.S. Government agencies identify proposed contract actions and contract awards"**

- **Legally the clock doesn't start until the article appears in the printed version of the CBD**

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COMMERCE BUSINESS DAILY (CBD)

- **A new edition of the CBD is issued every business day**

- **Each edition contains approximately 500-1,000 notices**

- **Each notice appears in the CBD only once**

- **The CBD is published by the US Department of Commerce**

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENTS

The Commerce Business Daily publishes, for Federal agencies, synopsis of proposed contract actions that exceed $25,000 in value.

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A—WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS/REGIONAL FIELD VERIFICATION SOL DW280 DUE 011501 POC William L. Algiene, (Tel) 303-384-7026, (Fax) 303-384-6901 The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is soliciting comments on its proposed approach to cost-shared, industry-government Regional Field Verification (RFV) projects. The RFV will encourage participants to partner with state or regional stakeholders to explore innovative approaches and regional application models that will result in wind energy projects. The overall goal of RFV is to obtain performance, operation, maintenance, and cost experience with new wind turbine technology and stimulate the use of wind energy throughout the Nation in projects employing new applications and ownership structures. BACKGROUND The RFV project will leverage the Turbine Verification Program (TVP) and the Field Verification Program (FVP) efforts currently underway by focusing on regionally specific issues and opportunities. This project will also support the goals of the DOE Wind Powering America (WPA) initiative by validating projects that can be replicated nationwide. More information about WPA can be found on http://www.eren.doe.gov/windpoweringamerica/. The DOE and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) initiated the TVP in 1992 to evaluate early commercial wind turbines and to provide the information necessary for transition from technology development programs to commercial purchases. To date, there have been seven projects with numerous partner organizations, including investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, and public power agencies. Through data collection, coordination, and communication with these partner organizations, we expanded the knowledge of utility-grade wind turbines and their uses with utility companies. In 1998, DOE initiated the FVP for small wind turbines used in distributed generation projects across the U.S. The goal of this program was to install from one to ten newly-developed wind turbines, each turbine from 300 watts to 100 kilowatts in size, for the purpose of field validation of distributed wind power applications. Five agreements are underway to install seventeen turbines at twelve sites having diverse conditions. The host organizations for the FVP vary from business and homeowners to Native American organizations and wind system developers. Both turbine manufacturers and host organizations benefit from evaluation of the wind turbine's performance, operation, and maintenance experience in the distributed generation applications. OBJECTIVES The objectives of the RFV are to: -Support industry needs for gaining initial field operation experience with new technology wind turbines; provide an initial market to support development of production capability; and verify the performance, reliability, maintainability, and cost of new wind turbines in a commercial environment, -Help expand deployment opportunities of wind energy to new regions of the United States working (with states, Native American organizations, and federal facilities) to tailor projects to meet unique regional requirements in coordination with Wind Powering America, and -Document and communicate the experience from these projects for the benefit of others in the wind power development community. SCOPE The scope of RFV projects will include turbine site preparation, installation and commissioning, and performance data collection and reporting. Turbine site preparation must be done in compliance with local zoning and permitting requirements, utility interconnect agreements, and environmental assessments. After the wind turbines are installed, commissioning tests will be completed to ensure safe turbine operation and validate preliminary data from the data acquisition systems. Data on performance, economics, and operation and maintenance will be summarized and submitted in quarterly reports that will be made available to the public. Technical outreach activities will include sharing lessons learned with the wind industry and the general public through workshops, technical conferences, and publications. SOLICITATION PLAN The RFP is scheduled for release in the first quarter of calendar year 2001. It will require the offeror to submit a technical proposal that describes its wind turbine and deployment approach in sufficient detail to be understood and evaluated by a group of knowledgeable reviewers. Offerors must submit the following: 1) a description of the turbines and hardware to be used and their application, 2) justification for the proposed project that shows how it supports the Wind Powering America, and, 3) a list of the project participants and description of their roles,

CBDNet

- **Electronic version of CBD**

- **Viewable notices immediately after acceptance, approximately 2 minutes after a contracting official submits a notice**

- **Notices should appear in the printed CBD approximately 2 days AFTER appearing in CBDNet**

- **This is not the legal version of the announcement**

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CBDNet

- Can search database for new or old articles

- CBDNet is owned and produced by the US Department of Commerce

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WHAT CBDNet LOOKS LIKE

http://cbdnet.gpo.gov/

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DESKBOOK – WHAT IS IT?

- An automated reference tool that provides the most current acquisition information for all DoD Services and Agencies.

- Purpose to simplify the acquisition process by maintaining a single source of up-to-date reference material on acquisition policy and practices

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DESKBOOK – WHAT IS IT?

- **The Defense Acquisition DeskBook is produced by the Defense Acquisition DeskBook Joint Program Office (JPO) – ASC/SYM**

- **Sponsored by Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (OUSD(AT&L)) and Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Reform (OUSD(AR))**

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DESKBOOK – REFERENCE LIBRARY

- **Contains laws, directives, policies and regulations under the <u>Mandatory</u> label**

- **<u>Discretionary</u> documents include guidance, handbooks, educational information and forms**

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DESKBOOK - VERSIONS

- **CD and Web based versions of this tool**

- **CD Edition faster and local**

- **Web Edition contains the DeskBook CD information, plus updated and newer documents since the last CD release**

- **Interfaces between the versions are different and Web Edition has more information and has links to acquisition agencies**

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DESKBOOK - WEB EDITION

- **Web Edition technology has made it possible to integrate the DeskBook Reference System with its complimentary web products, <u>Ask A Professor, Software Tools Catalog</u> database, and <u>Acquisition Web Sites</u>**

- **<u>Ask A Professor</u> is an advice area for acquisition professionals to ask questions relating to defense acquisition policies and practices. An expert from one of many top-notch resource centers will address your concerns**

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DESKBOOK - WEB EDITION

- **The Software Tool Catalog** was created to list known government owned software programs designed to assist in the acquisition process into one location. This catalog should help you determine if certain software programs already exist and save you time by offering a starting point

- **The Acquisition Web Site** is a structured listing of pre-selected DoD acquisition-related web sites. This list gives you the title of the web site and a brief paragraph describing what can be found on each site
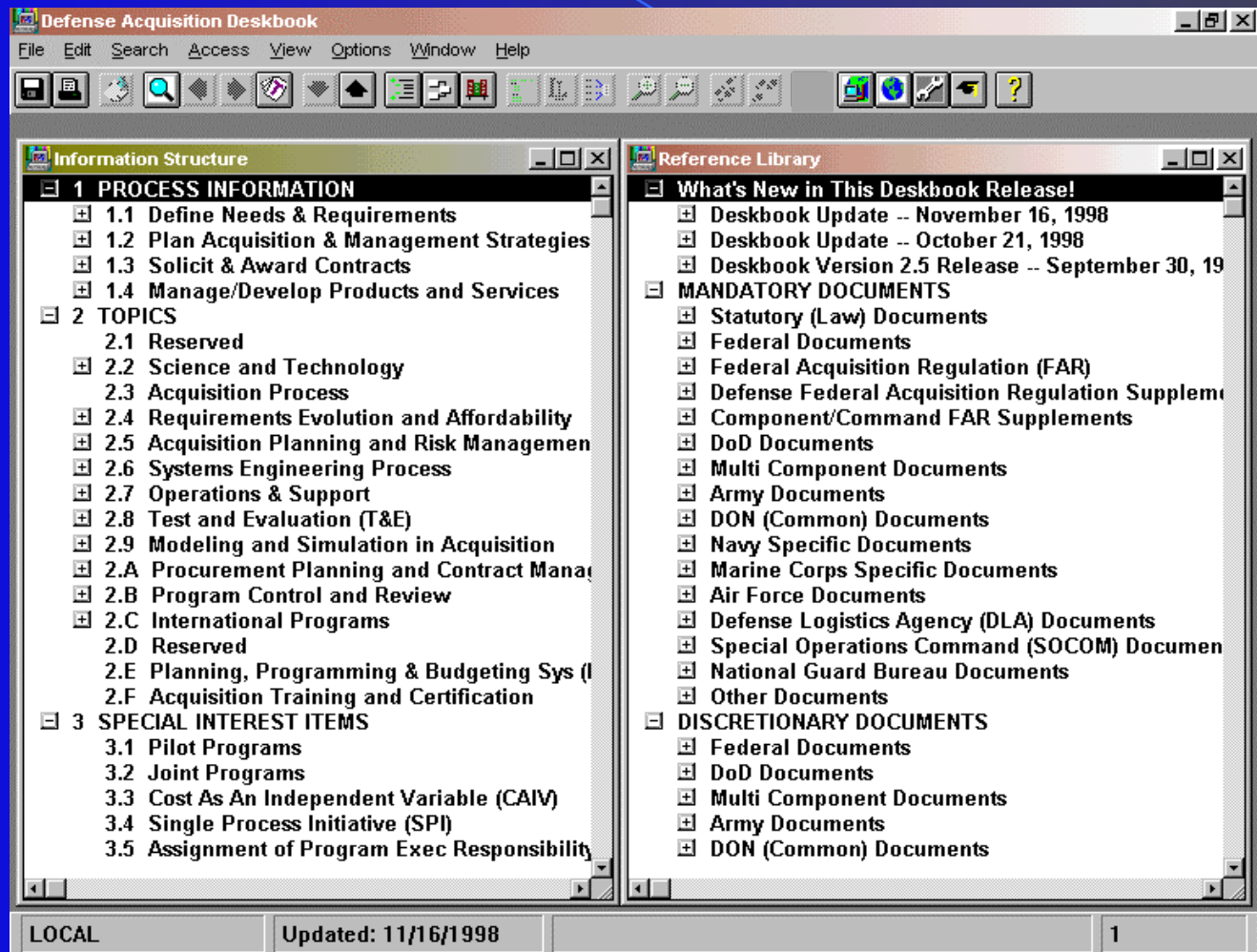
DESKBOOK – CD EDITION

- **Updated and sent out quarterly**

- **Order online**

- **More text like interface**

- **A copy of the CD Version can be found in this Course Material Booklet**

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DESKBOOK CD INITIAL SCREEN

DESKBOOK - DEMOS

- **Demo Web Edition**

- **Demo Wed Edition New Look**

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PIXS – WHAT IS IT?

- **Established 1992 – updated in 1996**

- **Purpose to promote early industry involvement in ASC procurement process by:**
  - **Providing more timely electronic access to documents**
  - **Disseminating information to a wider audience**
  - **Providing a means for communication via the Internet**

- **Provides information about program organization, classification, procurement phase, responsible parties, and level of activity**

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PIXS – HOW DO I GET THERE?

- **Connect via the Internet**
  - **Need web browser capable of displaying tables and processing scripts – i.e. MS Internet Explorer 3.0 or above and Netscape 2.0 or above**
  - **Web address – http://www.pixs.wpafb.af.mil/**

- **Dial up access and FTP access available; will cover specifics on these one-on-one**

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PIXS UPDATES

- **E-mail update notices**
  - **Can register to receive e-mail notices of updates to program libraries**
  - **Use registration link on PIXS site and provide information requested**
  - **Notices sent whenever selected program(s) change**
  - **Look at site regularly for changes**

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DEMO OF PIXS

- **PIXS**
  - **PIXS Main Page**
  - **C-141 TTS**
  - **C-130 AMP RFP Page**
  - **C-130 AMP Information Page**

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EZSOURCE - WHAT IS IT?

- **Created in 1995 and used by more than 100 teams since then**
- **Developed by ASC/SY**
- **Workflow application facilitates the creation, organization, and communication of sensitive unclassified, competitive source selection documentation**
- **Allows users to analyze and evaluate data effectively and efficiently and reduces the amount of time spent on SS task**

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EZSOURCE - ATTRIBUTES

- **Forms based repository of all source selection data**

- **Used to document the evaluation process – includes forms for past performance**

- **Generates an evaluation briefing from evaluator and advisor forms – MS PowerPoint**

- **Secure electronic environment**

- **Can be used at several sites**

- **Can incorporate Word and Excel files**

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EZSOURCE – WHO HAS USED IT?

- **Used by ASC, OO-ALC, WR-ALC, AAC, AFFTC, 11 HSW**

- **Training provided by SYG personnel**
  - **System administrator 2 days**
  - **Source Selection persons 3 hours**
  - **Helps to be familiar with windows navigation**

EZSOURCE DEMO

- **Online demo of EZSource**

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EZSOURCE "DOESN'T DOS"

- **Doesn't read the RFP**

- **Doesn't know the political arena**

- **Doesn't negotiate issues**

SUMMARY

- **Many tools helpful**

- **Process can be more efficient with them**

- **They don't replace knowing the RFP and the political environment**

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